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SUMMARY: VISITNG ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY STOLEN SCENE AT EUROPEANS OWN SUMMIT MEETING. SMALLER EC COUNTRIES ARE ANNOYED BY DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF EVIDENT FRENCH COMPLICITY IN ARAB MANEUVERING. ARABS ARE PUSHING HARD FOR EUROPEANS TO EXERT MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, PROMISING EARLY EASING OF OIL SUPPLY SITUATION IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE MET. INTRA-EC AND EC-US RELATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ON EC SUMMIT'S EARLY STAGES STEMS BASICALLY FROM SMALLER COUNTRIES SUCH AS NETHERLANDS, LUXEMBOURG AND BELGIUM, WHO ARE DISENCHANTED WITH COURSE OF EVENTS SO FAR. DUTCH AND LUXEMBOURGER REPS HAVE BOTH REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS UTTERLY DISGUSTED WITH PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE "POMPIDOU UMS UP DISCUSSION WITHOUT TAKING ANY ACCOUNT OF WHAT WE SAY." DUTCH ARE APPARENTLY PARTICULARLY ANGRY, AND ONE OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IS SAID TO HAVE COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE ON VERGE OF WALKING OUT OF SUMMIT. HE ALLEGED THAT EUROPE IS FALLING APART AND THAT FRENCH HAVE ENGINEERED THE WHOLE SHOW, ADDING THAT FRENCH KNEW IN ADVANCE WHAT ARAB EMISSARIES WERE GOING TO SAY.

2. ACCORDING TO LUX REP, DANISH FONMIN OPENED LATE NIGHT MEETING FOUR ARAB FONMINS (ALGERIA, TUNISIA, SUDAN AND UAE) BY EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN. ARABS THEN SPOKE FOR TWO SOOLID HOURS IN FOLOWERY LANGUAGE, AROUND BASIC IDEA THAT UNTIL NOW EUROPE HAD GIVEN THEM ONLY WORDS. TIME HAS COME FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION BECAUSE EUROPE MUST DO MORE. ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND ARABS WAS APPARENTLY MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING. EMISSARIES SAID THEY WANTED EUROPEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN FORTHCOMING PEACE CONFERENCE AND PLAY A POLITICAL ROLE ON SIDE OF ARABS.

3. MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED MODALITIES OF DEALING WITH ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS
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AND OIL/ENERGY PROBLEM IN GENERAL BUT WITH INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS. POMPIDOU IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THERE SHOULD BE NO REPLY TO THE ARABS FROM COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. SO FAR THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ANY DISCUSSION OF US-EC RELATIONS OR ANY OF THE OTHER MAJOR ITEMS CONTAINED ON LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. FRENCH ARE SAID TO WANT SIMILAR REUNIONS EVERY SIX MONTHS BUT DO NOT WISH TO CALL THEM SUMMITS, PREFERRING TERM "PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCES." ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, HEATH HAS BEEN TOTALLY SILENT, NODDING AGREEMENT TO WHAT POMPIDOU SAYS. BRANDT HAS ALSO ADOPTED VERY LOW POSTURE.

4. SEVERAL EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PAPERS ON THE ENERGY CRISIS READY TO PRESENT TO THEIR COLLEAGUES BUT HAVE NOT

YET DONE SO, PERHAPS BECAUSE JOBERT OPENLY JEERED AT BRANDT'S PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT. AUTHORITATIVE BELGIAN OFFICIAL STRESSED BEFORE SUMMIT BEGAN THAT OIL WOULD BE MAIN SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE AND THAT EC DECISIONS MUST BE FORMULATED IN THE RIGHT WAY, WITHOUT JUST GIVING IN TO ARABS OR HELPING HOLLAND AND DENMARK. DUTCH PROBLEM WOULD HAVE TO BE SOLVED BY UNSPECTACULAR MEASURES, BELGIAN SAID, WITH IMMEDIATE ACTION UNDER THREE HEADINGS: A) CONCERTED MEASURES TO CONSERVE ENERGY, SO THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT DISPARITIES IN OIL SUPPLY SITUATION OF EC COUNTRIES. B) EUROPEANS MUST NOT OUTBID ONE ANOTHER FOR ARAB OIL. C) EC MUST ORGANIZE THE ENERGY MARKET, AS IT DOES IN AGRICULTURE.

IN MEDIUM TERM, BELGIAN CONTINUED, EC MUST MOVE TOWARD DIVERSIFICATION OF ITS ENERGY RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF ENRICHED URANIUM.

5. GENERAL MESSAGE CONVEYED BY ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS TO THEIR EC COLLEAGUES CAN BE SUMMED UP IN FEW WORDS. EUROPEANS, THEY SAY, HAVE A POSITION OF POWER VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL. THEY CAN COMPEL ISRAEL TO GIVE IN TO ARAB DEMANDS. WHEN ASKED BY ONE NEWSMAN WHETHER ARAB WANTED EUROPEANS TO PLACE EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL, ARAB SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT WAS UP TO EUROPEANS. SUDANESE AND UAE FOREIGN MINISTERS, IN JOINT INTERVIEW WITH DANISH TABLOID, B.T., SPELLED THEIR POSITION OUT AS FOLLOWS: "THE COMMON MARKET'S CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLIER DECLARATION HAS CLEARLY NOT HAD SUFFICIENT EFFECT IN FAVOR OF THE ARABS JUSTIFIED CAUSE. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU MUST NOW EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL IN OTHER WAYS. IF THE EC WILL SEE THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAWS TO THE 1967 BORDERS, YOU WILL GET MORE OIL. IN RESPONSE, WE WILL GUARANTEE ISRAEL'S BORDERS IN A PEACE TREATY. WE WILL ASSURE FREE PASAGE FOR ITS SHIPS IN THE GULF OF AQABA AND PERMIT UN TROOPS ON OUR TERRITORY." RE POMPIDOU'S PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED FOOD AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THEY SAID, "THERE ARE MANY WAYS OF HELPING US. FOODSTUFFS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE TWO OF THEM. BUT THEY DO NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION."

6. LUXEMBOURG'S GASTON THORN REPORTEDLY COMMENTED ON EUROPEAN IDENTITY PAPER, ISSUED DECEMBER 14, THAT ITS ONLY MERIT IS IN THE INVENTION OF THE WORD "IDENTITY". THIS IDEA MAY BE DEVELOPED FURTHER, HE HOPES. OTHERWISE, SUMMIT SO FAR EQUALS "ZERO PLUS ZERO." THORN'S VIEWS ARE IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH OPTIMISM EXPRESSED BY BELGIAN SPOKESMAN, IN PRE-SUMMIT COMMENTS WHO FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HERE. HE CHARACTERIZED SUMMIT AS A DIFFICULT AND IMPORTANT MEETING, ON WHICH DEPENDED THE CREDIBILITY OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY. BELGIAN PREDICTED THAT MOROSE MOOD ALREADY WIDELY SPREAD IN EUROPE WOULD SPREAD STILL FURTHER IF SUMMIT NOT SUCCESSFUL. BELGIAN ADDED SPECIFICALLY

THAT HE HOPED THAT, AFTER COPENHAGEN SUMMIT, DEFENSE
WOULD NO LONGER BE A TABOO SUBJECT.

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